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## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Fall 2020 Technology Grants**

**Deadline: September 18 at 12 noon**

Applications are now open for Fall 2020 Technology Grants! The Office of the Provost and GAPSA are funding these grants to support new technology expenses that are required to make academic progress during the Fall 2020 semester. Graduate and professional students who demonstrate financial need [may apply for grants](#) (up to \$500) related to new technology needs required to remotely conduct research, take courses, or teach courses during the Fall 2020 semester.

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### **Grants for Penn Dental Insurance and Family/Dependent Health Insurance**

We wanted to let you know about two grants the University is offering to help offset insurance costs:

**Dental Insurance:** The Office of the University Provost will reimburse you for 50% of the cost of dental insurance if you sign up by September 18, 2020. You are responsible for the full cost of purchasing the insurance and may incur late fees if these are not paid on time. The reimbursement

(\$215) will be issued by early November. More information is available at <https://gsc.upenn.edu/resources/graduate-funding-and-finances/insurance-subsidies-and-grants#dental>; please contact [gradcenter@upenn.edu](mailto:gradcenter@upenn.edu) with any questions.

**Family/Dependent Insurance:** *Between August 10 and September 18, 2020*, you will be able to apply for grants to help offset the cost of family or dependent insurance. The grants are offered by the Office of the University Provost and administered through the Family Resource Center. More information is available at <https://familycenter.upenn.edu/grants>; contact Jessica Bolker ([jessal@upenn.edu](mailto:jessal@upenn.edu)) with any questions.

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### **Penn Libraries - Media Support for a Remote Semester**

This guide: <https://guides.library.upenn.edu/Fall20mediasupport/home> has been created to help you find the media production resources and support you'll need for working in the Fall 2020 remote learning environment at Penn Libraries and across campus. The guide will lead you to technology and people to support your research and learning needs. Stay up to date on Penn Library Virtual Services on the [Virtual Support page](#).

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### **CAPS Counselor for BGS Students**

**Tiffany Brown, PhD**, psychologist at CAPS, remains available to meet with BGS students virtually.

Dr. Brown's services are confidential. She will work with BGS students to provide initial consultation, support, brief counseling, and referral services. In order to set up an appointment with Dr. Brown, you may call CAPS at 215-898-7021 or email her directly at [nicobr@upenn.edu](mailto:nicobr@upenn.edu).

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### **Penn Medicine VotER Initiative**

Those who are eligible can visit <http://vot-er.org/penn>, text VOTE PENN to 34444, or scan the [QR code](#) to register to vote and/or request a mail-in ballot. Each option takes just a few minutes. The last day to register to vote in Pennsylvania is October 19, 2020.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Cooperative Childcare at Penn – Komae Meet & Greet**  
**September 17, 2020**

You are invited to join meet and greet sessions sponsored by Komae, a cooperative childcare app where families can setup pods to rotate care and homeschooling, or schedule single sits. Trade "points" by the hour and your care is free.

The next meet and greet sessions is scheduled for September 17. Register [here](#). Please see the attached [flyer](#) for additional information.

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### **Virtual Cores Day September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The Biomedical Research Core Facilities are delighted to be hosting a virtual version of the annual Cores Day event!

Join them in the morning for live BlueJeans presentations from core facilities across CHOP, Penn, and Wistar; and feel free to "stop by" in the afternoon for a series of informal core facility Q&A sessions. This event showcases the many outstanding biomedical research resources and services available throughout our campus, and is an opportunity for you to interface with more than 60 research core facilities.

Please visit <https://www.med.upenn.edu/cores/cores-day-2020.html> for more information.

Please send any questions to April Weakley ([aweakley@penmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:aweakley@penmedicine.upenn.edu)).

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### **Science Communication Workshop Series 2020-2021**

The Penn Science Policy & Diplomacy Group (PSPDG) is kicking off their Science Communication workshop for the new academic year 2020/2021!

The first workshop, "Scientific Storytelling" is **September 30th!** Details will be sent to all people who [register](#).

See the flyer [here](#). To receive updates about upcoming workshops, join the [SciComm Workshop Slack!](#)

More info can also be found on their website: <https://pennsciencepolicy.squarespace.com/workshop-series>.

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### **Cancer and COVID-19: Update from Penn's Abramson Cancer Center September 30, 2020, 5:45PM - 8:45PM**

This event is designed to focus on the major areas in which the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted how cancer care is delivered and experienced by patients. Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director NIAID and Founding Member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force to Deliver Keynote. Dr. Fauci will share his latest insights on COVID-19, the state of the science, and the impact of the pandemic on cancer.

Register [here](#).

# THESIS DEFENSES

Sept. 17, 10 AM (<https://bluejeans.com/385896146>): **Zeyu Chen (CAMB)**, “Dissecting transcriptional control of CD8 T cell response.” Contact [Kathy O’Connor-Cooley](#).

Sept. 18, 10 AM (<https://bluejeans.com/810020619>): **Sanika Khare (CAMB)**, “Tumor Suppressive Role of Urea Cycle Enzymes in Renal Carcinoma.” Contact [Kathy O’Connor-Cooley](#).

Sept. 18, 3 PM (<https://bluejeans.com/136022639>): **Barbara Terzic (NGG)**, “Temporal and molecular insights into the pathophysiology of CDKL5 deficiency disorder.” Contact [Keyana Moody](#).

# PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

## NGG

### CALENDARS

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# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

## Job Openings

- **NEW** Sr. Research Investigator / Principal Investigator, Pharmacology – Incyte – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Postdoctoral Training Fellow - The Francis Crick Institute** - See full announcement [here](#).
- **Postdoctoral Research Positions in the Dreyfuss Lab** – See full announcement [here](#).
- **Morrison & Foerster LLP seeking Entry Level Patent Agents or Scientific Analysts** – See full announcement [here](#).

Request to join the [BGS Alumni and Current Students LinkedIn](#) to stay updated on job opportunities.

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## September STEM Chats with Graduate Alumni

Check out Career Services' upcoming series of online chats with these Penn alumni (click on name to view their LinkedIn profile):

- **Incyte Online Q&A** | Wed, Sep 16 10:30 am EDT – 11:30 am EDT | [REGISTER](#)  
[Bihui Xu Melidosian, Ph.D.](#), Research Investigator, Incyte (Cell & Molecular Biology)
- **Pfizer Online Q&A** | Fri, Sep 18 11:00 am EDT – 12:00 pm EDT | [REGISTER](#)  
[Alex Kellum, Ph.D.](#), Staff Scientist, Pfizer (Organic Chemistry)
- **Merck Online Q&A** | Tue, Sep 22 12:30 pm EDT – 1:30 pm EDT | [REGISTER](#)  
[Suzanne Dettling, M.S.](#), Contract Scientist, Merck (Chemical Sciences)
- **OrtleyBio Online Q&A** | Tue, Sep 29 10:30 am EDT – 11:30 am EDT | [REGISTER](#)  
[Peter Dong, Ph.D.](#), Director, Scientific Services, OrtleyBio (Neuroscience)

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### ITMAT Request for Applications

ITMAT is pleased to announce a request for applications for its education programs in clinical and translational science. **Applications are due October 23, 2020**

With continued support from the NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), we offer funded educational opportunities for:

- Predoctoral Students (Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine, Nursing, Biomedical Sciences)
- Postdoctoral Trainees (GME Residents, Fellows, Postdoctoral PhDs)
- Junior Faculty (Instructor, Research Associate, Assistant Professor)

[A detailed overview of ITMAT's Education Funding Opportunities including how to apply is available on our website.](#)

Interested applicants are encouraged to [contact us](#).

**Please note – students interested in a certificate program should review ‘Policies Governing Participation of BGS Students in Certificate Programs.’ Authorization is required through the form, ‘Authorization to Participate in a Certificate Program.’ [Both forms are available here.](#)**

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### **U-M Medical School November Postdoc Preview**

Twice a year, University of Michigan Medical School hosts Postdoc Preview, a recruiting event that awards 20 upper-level graduate students the opportunity to explore the extensive postdoctoral research and training opportunities in biomedical sciences available at U-M. During a **three-day virtual visit (November 9-11, 2020)**, invited candidates will have the opportunity to interview with prospective mentors, network with current postdocs, and learn about life in Ann Arbor. Applicants are selected from a national pool of candidates who expect to complete their thesis research by Summer 2021. Applications are open until **September 30, 2020**.

See the full announcement [here](#).

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### **AAAS' 45th Annual Science and Technology Policy Forum**

Registration is now open for [AAAS' 45th Annual Science and Technology Policy Forum](#), a free event for those interested in policy to come together to discuss current challenges at the intersection of science, policy and society. The forum will take place virtually on **October 13-14**.

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### **AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship – Applications Now Open!**

The AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowship application is [now open](#). The deadline to apply is **November 1, 2020**.

AAAS has organized a Live Chat Series to share more information about the Fellowship. Upcoming webinars for this application season include:

- September 16, 4pm ET | [A Day in the Life: What's It Like to Be a Fellow?](#)
  - October 15, 2pm ET | [Ask a Fellow Anything](#)
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### **Daily Phone “Drop-Ins” with Penn Career Services**

In place of walk-ins, Career Services is offering a variety of phone and web appointments, which students can schedule through [Handshake](#). These include the option for same-day, 15-minute appointments with a career adviser. New appointment times open up every day at 9:15 AM ET. To

schedule an appointment, sign in to Handshake and click the “Career Center” tab near the top right corner.

Twitter users can also follow [@PennCareerJobs](#), a daily automated feed that highlights new job posts. And be sure you’ve customized your email settings in Handshake to receive a weekly newsletter featuring jobs and resources tailored to you! Detailed instructions on how to do so are available [here](#).

## **RESOURCES**

[BGS Career Development Site](#)

[BGS Career Twitter](#)

[BGS Alumni & Current Students LinkedIn](#)

[Black Women in Computational Biology Network](#)

[Penn Career Services - Ph.D./Postdoc Careers Page](#)

[Handshake](#)

[Request a sponsored Membership to the New York Academy of Sciences](#)

# **STUDENT RESOURCES**

[Slack for BGS Students](#)

[Roommate Ads – Google Doc](#)

[BGSA Website](#)

[Grad Center at Penn](#)

[Family Center at Penn](#)

[Ask Isaac: Your Personal IS Guru](#)

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**For information about upcoming events or to advertise in next week’s bulletin, contact [Rebecca Lopez](#).**